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SUBJ: DEATH OF MAO-TSE TUNG: ACTIVITIES IN SIERRA LEONE

REF: STATE 223128

1. EMBASSY WAS OMITTED FROM CIRCULAR DIPLOMATIC NOTE ANNOUNC-
ING OPENING OF CONDOLENCE BOOK.

2. AT FIRST APPROPRIATE SOCIAL OCCASION, AMBASSADOR SOUGHT
OPPORTUNITY WITH HIS PRC COLLEAGUE AND CONVEYED HIS PERSONAL
CONDOLENCES.

3. GOSL FLAGS AT HALF MAST UNTIL FUNERAL. SOME DIPLOMATIC
MISSIONS, INCLUDING GHANA (UNDER INSTRUCTIONS), ALSO FLEW
FLAGS AT HALF MAST.

4. PUBLIC STATEMENT OF CONDOLENCE MADE BY ALL SENIOR GOSL
OFFICIALS. PARLIAMENT OBSERVED MINUTE OF SILENCE IN MAO'S
HONOR. THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE RULING PARTY (APC)
HELD A SEMINAR ADDRESSED BY LEADING PARTY FIGURES AND QUOTE
TRADITIONAL AFRICAN WAKE LASTING UNTIL THE WEE HOURS OF THE
MONRING UNQUOTE IN HIS HONOR.

5. PRC AMBASSADOR ATTENDED SEVERAL SOCIAL EVENTS, INCLUDING
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ONE ON NIGHT OF THE DAY OF MAO'S DEATH, THUS RAISING MANY

EYEBROWS WITHIN GOSL AND DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY.
SAMUELS

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